

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice, and add claims 16-28 as follows:

Claims 1-15. (Canceled)

1 16.(New) A primary station for use in a communication system
2 including a secondary station, said primary station comprising:
3 a receiver configured to receive a preamble and a message from
4 said secondary station;
5 a transmitter configured to transmit a signal including power
6 control information to alter output power of said secondary
7 station, said signal being transmitted after successful reception
8 of said preamble; and
9 a controller configured to interrupt transmission of said
10 signal to indicate to said secondary station that at least part of
11 said message has been received in a corrupted state wherein, in
12 response to detecting the interruption of said signal, said
13 secondary station terminates transmission of said message and, upon
14 reception of said signal, retransmits said message that had been
15 terminated.

1 17.(New) The primary station of claim 16, further comprising
2 a detector configured to determine power of a transmission received
3 from said secondary station.

1 18.(New) The primary station of claim 16, wherein said
2 preamble includes a signature and said signal is transmitted over a
3 control channel, said controller being configured to select a
4 channelization code for said control channel by reference to said
5 signature.

1 19.(New) The primary station of claim 18, wherein said
2 channelization code corresponding to said signature is
3 predetermined.

1 20.(New) The primary station of claim 16, wherein said
2 controller is configured to select a scrambling code for said
3 signal which is different to that used for some other downlink
4 transmissions.

1 21.(New) The primary station of claim 16, wherein said
2 transmitter is configured to transmit an acknowledgement after
3 successful receipt of said preamble.

1 22.(New) The primary station of claim 21, wherein said
2 acknowledgement is said signal.

1 23.(New) The primary station of claim 21, wherein said
2 controller is configured to initiate transmission of said signal to
3 provide said acknowledgement.

1 24.(New) A secondary station for use in a radio communication
2 system including a primary station, said secondary station
3 comprising:

4 a transmitter configured to transmit a preamble and a message
5 to said primary station;

6 a controller configured to adjust output power of said
7 transmitter in response to reception of a signal including power
8 control information from said primary station;

9 said controller being further configured to terminate
10 transmission of said message when transmission of said signal is
11 interrupted and to arrange retransmission, upon reception of said
12 signal, of said message that had been terminated.

1 25.(New) The secondary station of claim 24, wherein duration
2 of the control channel is substantially identical to or greater
3 than duration of the message.

1 26.(New) The secondary station of claim 24, wherein duration
2 of the control channel is substantially identical to or greater
3 than duration of said second message.

1 27.(New) The secondary station of claim 24, wherein said
2 transmitter is configured to transmit a succession of preambles at
3 increasing power levels and at predetermined intervals until an
4 acknowledgement is received from the primary station, and to
5 transmit said message after receipt of said acknowledgement.

1 28.(New) The secondary station of claim 27, wherein said
2 acknowledgement is said signal.